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Advisory Action	Application No. 09/732,769	Applicant(s) LEE ET AL.	
	Examiner Andrew Schechter	Art Unit 2871	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 14 October 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

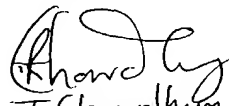
Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: 3-15, 18-20 and 22.

Claim(s) rejected: 1, 2, 16, 17, 21 and 23.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____


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Continuation of 2. NOTE:

The proposed amendments to claims 7, 12, and 22 would overcome the previous objections to these claims. However, the proposed amendment would make claim 23 depend upon itself, rather than on claim 21 as suggested by the examiner, and the objection to claim 22 ("second receptacle module" rather than "second receptacle") is not addressed by the proposed amendment. The proposed amendments therefore does not put the application in better form for appeal, so they are not entered.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

The applicants argue, regarding the rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, that "the feature of claim 23 is readily apparent from the drawings and the specification, for example, FIG. 13" [p.11]. This is not persuasive. The examiner fails to see the recited combination of features in Fig. 13 or anywhere in the specification; the examiner would appreciate it if the applicant would please indicate by figure, element number, and a description of the figure where exactly the "groove shape portion is formed in at least one of the main portions" of the second receptacle module is. Until then, the examiner maintains the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

The applicants argue, regarding the rejection of claims 1, 2, 16, 17, 21, and 23 over Kurihara in view of Okajima, that the rejection is improper because "what the Examiner is attempting to do is substitute the liquid crystal display ... of Okajima for the liquid crystal panel ... of Kurihara" and (the applicant continues) the liquid crystal display of Okajima is inappropriate for this substitution [p. 13], since it lacks various features which were disclosed by Kurihara. This is not persuasive. It is silly to suggest, as the applicant does, that one of ordinary skill in the art, combining the teachings and devices of these two references, would use the mold frames and groove shape portion of Kurihara and then try to attach the liquid crystal panel of Okajima to it without the necessary matching groove shape portions.

The applicants also argue that the references fail to suggest all the elements as recited by claim 1 and 21 [p.14]. This is not persuasive; all the elements are taught and/or suggested by the combined references.